Wagons for Bihar

4345. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons required in Zones/divisions covering Bihar during 1990 and 1991; and

(b) number of wagons made available during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The number of wagons demanded and loaded in Dhanbad, Danapur, Mughalsarai, Malda, Howrah, Asansol, Sonpur, Samastipur, Adra and Chakradharpur divisions, serving the State of Bihar, during 1990 and 1991 are tabulated below:–

	1990		1991	
	Demand	Lading	Demand	Loading
B. C.	3621958	3615168	3692066	3686418
M. C.	40774	40600	58786	58619

[*English*]

Allotment of Stalls at Railway Stations

4346. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and zone-wise break up of the stalls sanctioned at various Railway Stations during the last three years;

(b) the number of stalls out of them allotted to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Physically handicapped and ex-servicemen;

(c) whether any priority is given to the war-widows and riot affected people in such allotments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

(c) to (e). As per existing policy, catering/vending licences are to be allotted only to professional/reputed caterers. However, in case of small and roadside stations preference is to be given to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates.

[*Translation*]

Injections for Leprosy Patients

4347. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Health Research Institute has cautioned in a recently conducted immunity study that injections being used for treatment of laprosy patients should be discontinued; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir. No injections are used in the treatment of leprosy.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Conversion of Lines in Karnataka

4348. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of metre-gauge line in the country;

(b) the total length of metre gauge line on zonal railways covering Karnataka;

(c) the name of railway lines approved for conversion into broad gauge in that State; and

(d) the length of railway line out of that likely to be converted during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 23,419.23 route kms. as on 31.03.1991.

(b) 2,259.84 kms. as on 31.03.1991.

(c) (i) Bangalore-Hubli

(ii) Chickjajur-Rayadurg

(iii) Bangalore-Mysore

(iv) Bangalore-Yelahanka

(d) 348 kms.

Pollution Control Awards

4349. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution control awards have been presented to some industrial sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to encourage more industrial sectors to control pollution in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The four industrial units, namely,

(i) M/s Bhopal Pesticides Pvt. Ltd., Bhopal (M. P.)

(ii) M/s Gujarat Ambuja Cements Ltd., Kodinar (Gujarat)

(iii) M/s Shriram Fertilizer & Chemicals, Kota (Rajasthan) and

(iv) M/s Sree Rayalaseema Alkalies and Allied Chemicals Ltd. Kurnool (A. P.) have been given awards for their achievements in the control of pollution.

(c) and (d). The present scheme is for giving fifteen awards each year out of which 10 will be given in the major and medium industry categories and 5 for small scale industries.

Fiscal incentives are given to industries which put up pollution control equipment through accelerated depreciation, customs and excise duty exemption. A World Bank